

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	<b>Notice of Allowance Dated:</b>
	)	<b>October 5, 2007</b>
Robert H. Halstead, Jr. et al.	)	
	)	<b>Confirmation No. 2643</b>
Application No.: 09/759,695	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2191
Filed: January 12, 2001	)	
	)	Examiner: Ted T. Vo
For: System and Method Supporting	)	
Mapping of Option Bindings	)	
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**Mail Stop Issue Fee**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant received a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance and Fee(s)  
Due dated October 5, 2007. The issue fee is being filed herewith.

In the Notice of Allowability, in paragraph 2, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance. Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's apparent assertions concerning what constitutes the "option data structure," "object notification," "mapping data structure," or the asserted reasons why the claims patentably distinguish from the prior art. For example, Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's apparent assertion that the McLennan's failure to disclose a "mapping data structure" is the only reason the claims are allowable over the prior art. Instead, Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-21, and 23-26 are patentably

distinguishable from the prior art at least because the prior art, either alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the recitations therein.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance might be construed to contain characterizations of the claims and the prior art with which Applicant does not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these Comments and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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